

## **News Release**

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## Kaua'i police re-examine evidence from Amber Jackson's murder

LĪHU'E – This week marks the 10-year anniversary of the unsolved murder of Amber Jackson and Kaua'i police may be getting closer to solving the brutal crime.

"We have not given up in our pursuit to find the suspect(s) involved in this appalling tragedy," said Investigative Services Bureau Assistant Chief Bryson Ponce. "What keeps us going and what has given us hope is that, even though it's 10 years later, there are evolving scientific methods that are being undertaken to potentially help discover the killer(s). We believe this case is solvable and that we may be closer to finding out who might have played a part in her untimely death."

The 57-year-old's body was found by a pig hunter on July 3, 2010 in a remote location in Keālia. She had been reported missing, however, since June 23, 2010. According to autopsy results, Jackson had suffered from what appeared to be blunt force trauma to her head and had sustained injuries that had been caused by an assault.

At the time of her death, the California native had been living in Kapahi for about 10 years and had been working for the Hawai'i State Teachers Association.

To this day, no arrests have been made.

There were some leads regarding the case last year after Investigation Discovery's "Breaking Homicide" program aired an episode about Jackson called "A Murder in Paradise." Since then, Kaua'i police have been diligently re-examining evidence and interviewing people who may have known Jackson and who may have any information pertaining to the cold case.

Furthermore, DNA testing is currently being conducted that could potentially lead to new information about the case.

The Amber Jackson Justice Group (AJJG), formed by friends and family of the victim, also continues to work closely with the Kaua'i Police Department. The group is still offering a \$20,000 reward for any information that could lead to the arrest of potential suspects.

If you have information regarding this case, please call Assistant Chief Ponce at 241-1681. Or, to leave an anonymous tip, please call Crime Stoppers Kaua'i at 246-8300 or visit crimestopperskauai.org.

"We continue to seek assistance from the public because homicide has no statute of limitations, so time is on our side, and we encourage the public to call with any information regarding this case," said Ponce. "We also want to acknowledge Amber Jackson's closest friends and family members who have kept her spirit alive by working closely with KPD throughout the years. We will not rest until justice has been served."



**Amber Jackson** 

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